

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

: EXAMINER: VALENTINE, D.

SERIAL NO: 09/982,190

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FOR: PRODUCTION, REFINING AND RECYCLING OF LIGHTWEIGHT AND REACTIVE METALS IN IONIC LIQUIDS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.